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Webinar for Operational GPD Grantees

August 10, 2021

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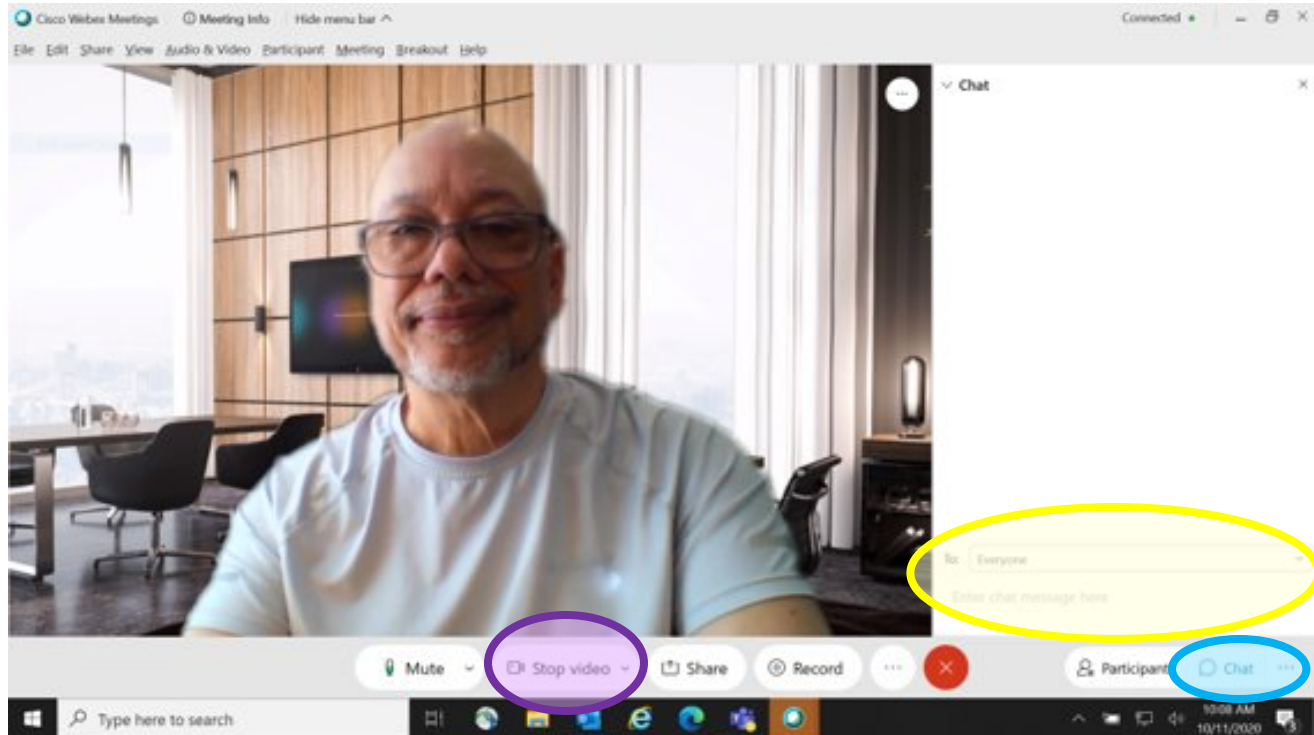
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AGENDA

Agenda



- Announcements
- Office of Business Oversight
- COVID-19 Updates
- Regulation Revisions
- Future Planning – Capital Grant Round 2
- Next Month



Update Contact Info



SMARTSIMPLE CONTACTS

- Be sure to update your contact information in SmartSimple (grants management system)
- Urgent to ensure communication to your organization



OPTION YEAR AND NOFO UPDATES

- GPD Per Diem Only (PDO) Award Option year does not require application
- GPD sent option year 1 grant agreements to PDO grantees via email on June 24, 2021
 - Email would have come from no-reply@hmlsgrants-va.mod.udpaas.com
 - Agreement denotes VA's intent to offer option year
 - Signed grant agreement must be returned by July 23, 2021-**Past Due**

PDO Option Year Timetable

Option Year 1 Grant Agreement Sent to Grantees
June 24, 2021

Grant Agreements Completed and Returned by Grantee by
July 23, 2021

Communication from GPD Office Exercising Award

Grant Agreements Signed by VA on October 1, 2021

Copies of Agreements will be loaded into Grantee's Smart
Simple Grant Record

Coming Soon

Case Management, Capital and Special Need Awards
Final Stages of Approval

ANNOUNCEMENTS- MINOR DEPENDENTS

- Reminder GPD now authorized to per diem for minor dependents under PL 116-315
 - Up to 50% of the approved per diem rate
- Requires a change of scope and minor dependents per diem rate request
- Refer to the June GPD Operational webinar on the [GPD Provider Website](#)





PER DIEM FOR VETERANS WITH MINOR DEPENDENTS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
E-Donate



1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

GPD Regulations and Guides

NEW! Grant Recipient Guide (December 2020)

GPD General Terms and Conditions of Award (May 2020)

GPD Regulations (38 CFR Part 61)

Case Management Regulations (June 2018)

Final Rule - Veteran Definition and TIP Payment (November 2017)

Transition In Place (TIP) NOFA

Special Need NOFA

Per Diem Only (PDO) NOFA

Case Management NOFA

Minor Dependents

Minor Dependents Overview

Director's Memo Sample

Change of Scope Checklist

Per Diem Rate Request

[GPD Provider Website](#)





- **Upcoming Fiscal Reviews:**
 - **City of New York** – August 17-19, 2021
 - **The Salvation Army – North Division** – September 14-16, 2021
 - **Vietnam Veterans of California, Inc.** – September 21-23, 2021
 - **United Council of Human Services** – October 12-15, 2021
 - **LifeMoves** – October 19-21, 2021
 - **Cocaine and Alcohol Awareness Program, Inc.** – October 19-21, 2021
- **Training in September – Allowable and Unallowable Costs**
- **LATE SF-425's – 180 DAYS LATE NOTICE**
- **Training Item of the Month: Inaccurate SF-425 Reporting**
- **Finding:** We found the grantee has not filed their FY 2019 Single Audit. The grantee's operating fiscal year ended on December 31, 2019, making the due date for the audit submission no later than September 30, 2020.
- **Criteria: 38 CFR 61 Per Diem Payments, 61.66 Financial management**, states, "(a) All recipients shall comply with applicable requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, as implemented by OMB Circular A-133. (b) All entities receiving assistance under this part must use a financial management system that follows generally accepted accounting principles and provides accounting records, including cost accounting records that are supported by documentation."



ANNOUNCEMENT – CASE MANAGEMENT GRANT SUPPORT

- **Case Management Grantees:**
Quarterly “Office Hours” Available
- **2pm Eastern; WebEx**
- **First Thursdays, Every Three Months**
 - August 5th
 - November 4th
- Please email GPDGrants@va.gov for invite as needed
 - <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m7e42d7526badc4a922cb2dfc5256e79c>
- **Intention:** Less formal, practice sharing, open Q&A
 - Requests for specific topics may also be made in advance

**HUD-VASH GPD
Collaborative Case
Management (CCM)
Participants**

- Monthly Office Hours Now Available
- Last Wednesday of each month, 2pm Eastern; Microsoft Teams



REMINDER – CASE MANAGEMENT INCENTIVES

- **Case Management grantees may now offer incentives to Veterans they serve**
 - Up to \$150/Veteran in food, clothing, transportation, and household items incentives
 - Cannot be in cash or gift cards
 - Can be a one-time incentive or spread out
 - Funds come from the grant award
 - Grantee purchases items for the Veteran
 - Keep your receipts
- **A suggested cost tracker is available on our Provider Training webpage**

GPD Provider Training Webpage

https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD_Provider_Training.asp

Case Management

Case Management Grantee Guide

Case Management Quarterly Review Template

Caseload Tracking Tool Quick Guide

Caseload Tracking Tool Data Definitions

HUD-VASH and GPD Collaborative Case Management Overview

HUD-VASH and GPD Collaborative Case Management Application

HUD-VASH and GPD Collaborative Case Management MOU Sample

GPD Case Management Program and SSVF Referral Packet

Case Management Incentives Tracker

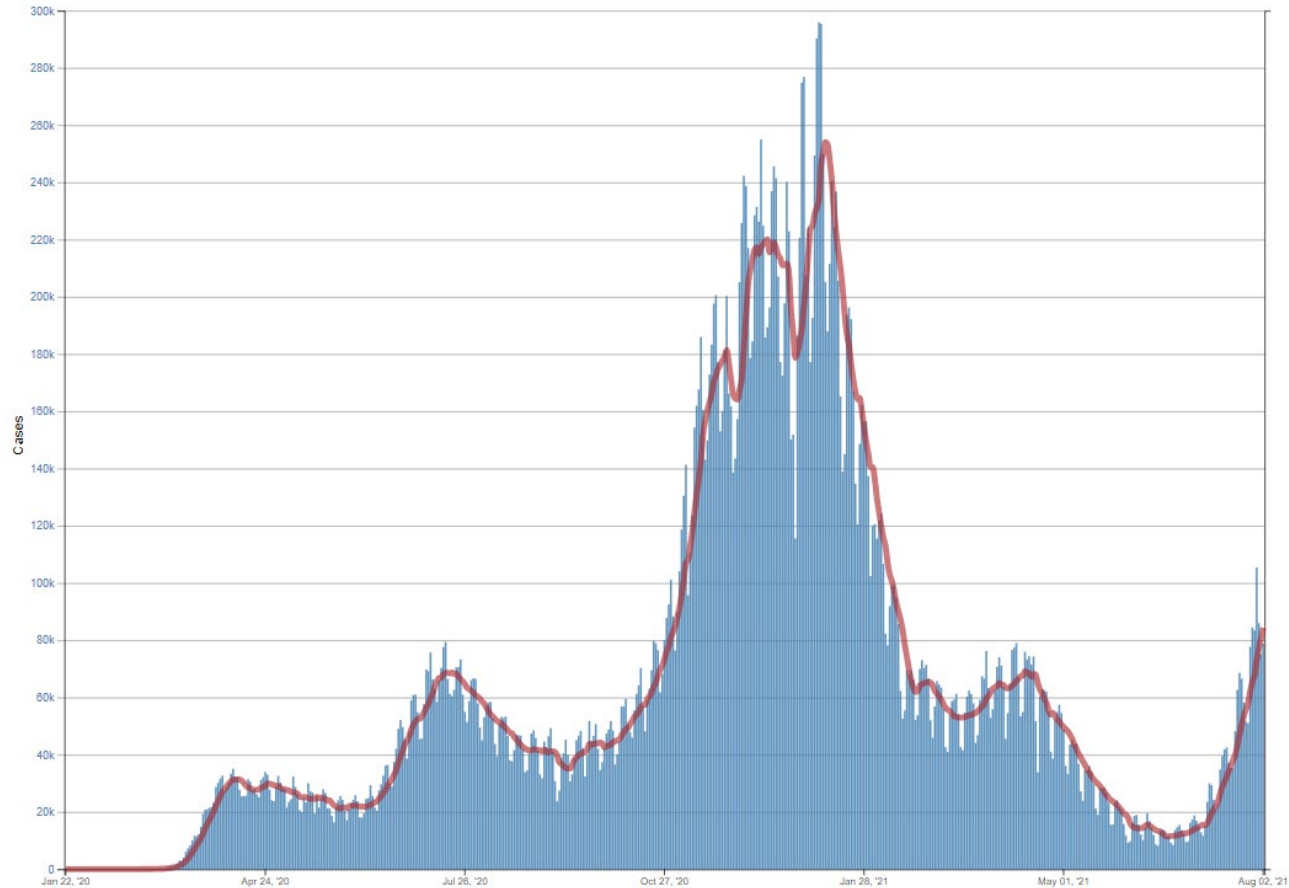
GPD Case Management and SSVF Coordination FAQs March 2020

GPD CM Connect and Learn 3-5-20



COVID-19 UPDATE

Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in the United States Reported to CDC



[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#) Thru August 2, 2021

COVID-19 UPDATE

- SARS-CoV-2 Testing Protocol for Veterans in VHA Homeless Programs: GPD and HCHV CRS are still in effect
 - [SARS-COV-2 Protocol Webinar](#) Password ;DxnmtP\$9
- Reminder COVID-19 resource information on [GPD Program: Provider Website](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

SSVF & GPD Co-Enrollment Considerations and Guidance 

Webinar: COVID-19 Testing Protocol for Veterans in VHA Homeless Programs 

CPR Guidance 

Wellness & Symptom Checks - COVID Positive & Presumptive Positive Veterans In Hotels and Motels  Webinar

GPD CARES Act Implementation Guidance 

GPD Isolation Options for COVID-19 

GPD Guidance Regarding COVID-19 

CDC: Considerations for face coverings

CDC: Interim Guidance For Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to COVID-19

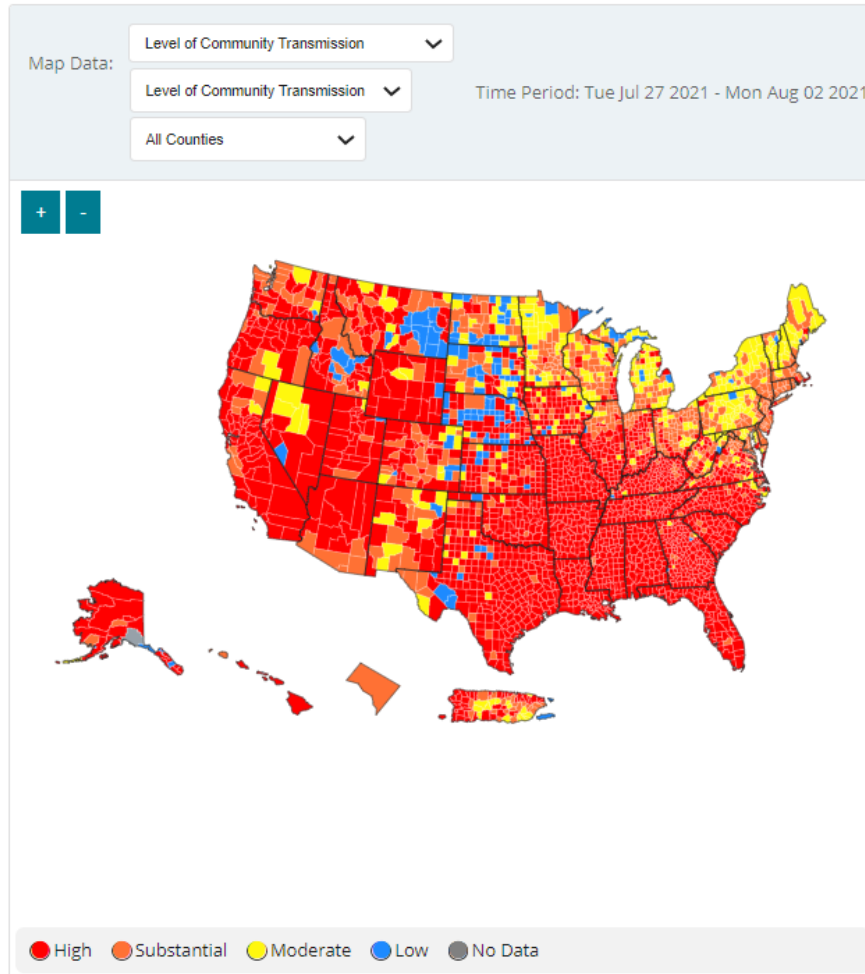
CDC: Prevention & Treatment

CDC: Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations

COVID-19 Planning Call for VA Homeless Providers 3-25-20 



COVID-19 UPDATES



Current 7-days is Tue Jul 27 2021 - Mon Aug 02 2021 for case rate and Sun Jul 25 2021 - Sat Jul 31 2021 for percent positivity. The percent change in counties at each level of transmission is the absolute change compared to the previous 7-day period.

[CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)

- Site provides integrated, county view of key data for monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States



COVID-19 UPDATES

Total Vaccine Doses

Delivered 401,229,975

Administered 347,377,149

**Learn more about the
distribution of vaccines.**

165.1M

People fully vaccinated

People Vaccinated	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
Total	192,120,576	165,081,416
% of Total Population	57.9%	49.7%
Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	191,896,753	164,951,543
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	67.7%	58.2%
Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	181,013,013	156,631,148
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	70.1%	60.6%
Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	49,219,060	43,836,081
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	90%	80.1%

About these data

CDC | Data as of: August 3, 2021 6:00am ET. Posted: Tuesday, August 3, 2021 2:36 PM ET



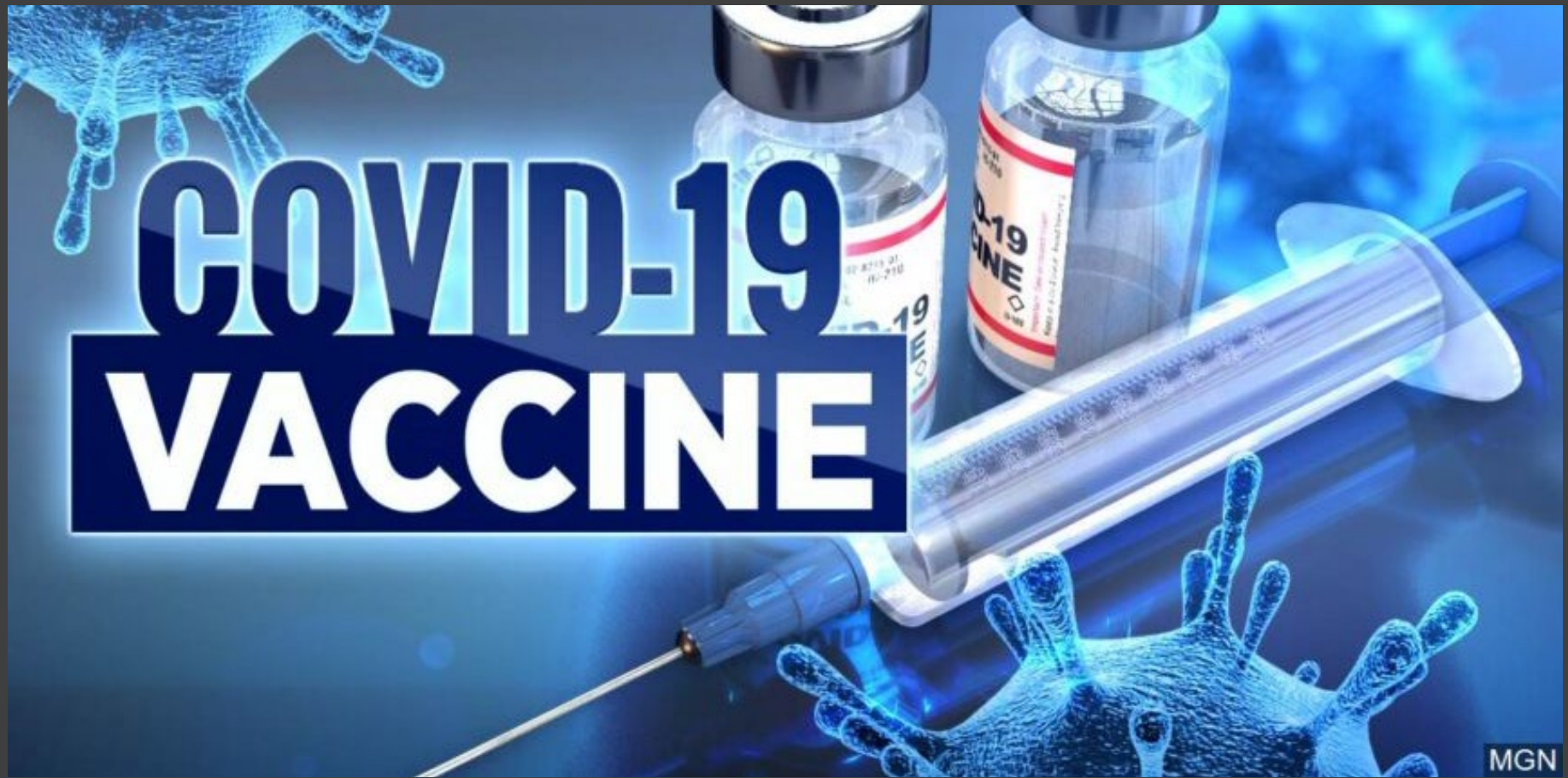


COVID-19 UPDATES



Vaccinated Veterans in GPD
Date range: 12/14/2020 to 8/3/2021

		First Vaccination		Fully Vaccinated	
Program	Active Census	N	Pct	N	Pct
GPD	<u>7,939</u>	4,212	53%	4,011	51%



COVID-19 UPDATES- VACCINATION RESOURCE

- CDC Vaccine Toolkit:
- [Vaccinate with Confidence](#) website
 - Strategies to reinforce confidence in COVID-19 vaccines



RENTAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCE

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) eviction moratorium order until October 3, 2021 in counties experiencing substantial and high levels of community transmission levels of SARS-CoV-2
- [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#) website has resource information about federal rental assistance available

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GPD Regulations 38 CFR Part 61 Revised



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GPD REGULATIONS 38 CFR PART 61 REVISED

- A revision in the GPD regulations was published in the Federal Register June 25, 2021
- Regulations became effective July 26, 2021



What does this mean to GPD grantees and GPD liaisons?

- All organizations with an active GPD grant, or with an application under consideration, are required to be aware of and comply with the regulations (38 CFR Part 61).
- Some notable changes are highlighted on the next slides.
- In the event of any discrepancies, the published regulations take precedent, except in the case of new legislation



Notable changes:

- 61.1 Definitions
 - The definition of Supportive Housing, paragraph (2), has been changed to clarify that supportive housing is designed to be “as soon as possible and no later than 24 months.”
- 61.33 Payment of per diem
 - Paragraph (f) “payments for absent veterans” now includes an ability to pay either up to 72 hours for scheduled or unscheduled absences, or up to 7 days for inpatient hospitalization.
 - The former section called: “Supportive housing limitation” mentioned “3 episodes of care” being a limit. This section is now removed.



Notable changes (continued):

- 61.80 General operation requirements for supportive housing and service centers.
 - Paragraph (c) includes several changes. Read paragraph (c) in full.
 - Paragraph (c) changes the terminology from “Corrective Action Plan (CAP)” to “Performance Improvement Plan (PIP).”
 - “PIP” will be used to refer to matters relating to GPD’s performance measures.
 - “CAP” will be used to refer to other matters relating to federal statutory and regulatory compliance (e.g. 2 CFR 200.208, 2 CFR 200.338 2 CFR 200.339).
 - Paragraph (c) sets the trigger point for initiating a PIP to 5% deviation from the performance targets (down from 15%) in any 2 consecutive quarters.



Additional resources:

- On the GPD main website you will find:
 - The final rule
- Coming soon:
 - Updated guidance about the Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) process (formerly known as CAP) as it relates to GPD's performance measures.
 - Updated guidance about the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) process as it relates to federal statutory and regulatory compliance matters.



GPD Final Rule 38 CFR Part 61, effective 07/26/2021

- Available on the GPD main website:

<https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>

GPD Regulations:

GPD Regulations (38 CFR part 61.0)

Questions: GPDGrants@va.gov



DOWN THE ROAD

- Megabus Funds and American Recovery Plan (ARP) Funds
 - \$50 million – Megabus
 - \$75 million - ARP
- GPD planning another capital grant FY 2022-continued transformation of transitional housing

CAPITAL GRANT COMING



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- Expect early NOFO publication
- Goal to continue to reduce shared living arrangements in GPD
- Increased funding available through American Recovery Plan
 - Increased potential award
 - Increased per bed cost



SEPTEMBER

- Operational Webinar September 14, 2021, 2pm eastern
- Watch for NOFO announcement and Technical Assistance
- [GPD website](#)